

# **BELARUS**









## **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Aleksandr LUKASHENKO

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Sergey RUMAS

## **Government Type**

presidential republic, although in fact a dictatorship

# Capital

Minsk

# Legislature

bicameral National Assembly or Natsionalnoye Sobraniye (64 seats); House of Representatives or Palata Predstaviteley (110 seats)

# **Judiciary**

Supreme Court (number of judges varies); Constitutional Court (consists of 12 judges)

## **Ambassador to US**

Charge d'Affaires Pavel SHIDLOVSKIY

## **US Ambassador**

Charge d'Affaires Jenifer MOORE

# **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 207,600 sq km Land: 202,900 sq km Water: 4,700 sq km

#### Climate

cold winters, cool and moist summers; transitional between continental and maritime

#### **Natural Resources**

timber, peat deposits, small quantities of oil and natural gas, granite, dolomitic limestone, marl, chalk, sand, gravel, clay

#### **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

former Soviet republic; had well-developed industrial base; now outdated, inefficient, and dependent on subsidized Russian energy and preferential access to Russian markets; agricultural base is largely dependent on government subsidies.

# **GDP** (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$179.4 billion (2017 est.)

# **GDP** per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$18,900 (2017 est.)

#### **Exports**

\$28.65 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Russia 43.9%, Ukraine 11.5%, UK 8.2% (2017)

#### **Imports**

\$31.58 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Russia 57.2%, China 8%, Germany 5.1% (2017)

## **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

9.53 million (July 2018 est.)

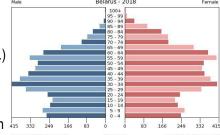
## **Population Growth**

-0.24% (2018 est.)

#### **Ethnicity**

Belarusian 83.7%, Russian 415 332 8.3%, Polish 3.1%,

Ukrainian 1.7%, other 2.4%, unspecified 0.9% (2009 est.)



# Language

Russian (official) 70.2%, Belarusian (official) 23.4%, other 3.1% (includes small Polish- and Ukrainian-speaking minorities), unspecified 3.3% (2009 est.)

#### Religion

Orthodox 48.3%, Catholic 7.1%, other 3.5%, non-believers 41.1% (2011 est.)

## Urbanization

urban population: 79% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 0.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)